REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update cross references to other patent documents and to correct various minor and obvious typographical errors. No new matter has been added by the amendment of the specification.

Claims 1-82 have been canceled and claims 83-99 have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 83-99 are fully supported and justified by the original specification and drawings and add no new matter. Claims 83-90 were originally filed in U.S. patent application No. 09/569,607 and were rejected by the Examiner in that case.

FIGS. 8, 8(a), 10, 19(b), 20(a), 22(a), 22(b), 23(a), and 38 have been amended to correct minor errors. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the drawings are fully supported and justified by the original specification, add no new matter, and do not affect the disclosure or the scope of the claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that this

application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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